



NEPTUNE HARMONIC 2-A #3



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* A WORD ABOUT THE HEAVENLY PLANETS *

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"GOD MOVES IN MYSTERIOUS WAYS HIS WONDERS TO PERFORM!" AND the person who is making his acquaintance with Astrology will often be impelled to repeat this pregnant phrase. Truly the ways of God are not those of His children (and fortunately for us, his children!) and in the Science of the Starry Pathways of Cosmic Splendor, God, has placed a vast amount of His Heavenly Knowledge. Blessed is he who understands this and searches the heavens for the personal Message of Destiny which his Father has placed there for his benefit. No child of the Heavenly Creator needs ever to wander, in distress and dismay, through the labyrinths of human fate and circumstances, without a blazing Torch of Truth to guide him--safely and securely to his goal!

A volume could be written of just the names of those men, great and small; learned and ignorant, narrow and profound--who have sought to prove to the world how foolish, how vain, how ridiculous is the study of the Stars. And in every instance wherein the man was truly a Great Man, he has had to confess his failure, his utter defeat in trying to prove a single fault within the majestic Science of the Cosmos. He has admitted his own error--humbly and gratefully, if, as I say, he was truly a Great Man who knew that he had a Soul. Every skeptic who has studied, really studied and applied, the wisdom of the Stars, such a skeptic has become an eager convert to the Science of the Planets; for it is simply impossible for anyone to sincerely STUDY AND INVESTIGATE the Science and then fail to realize that it is profoundly true! So much for the natural power and protection which the Stars carry in their own movements--against all critics and skeptics.

I have presented here a small sketch, hardly a thumb-nail picture, of the Parade of the Planets as they accompany you on your fateful and wonderful march through human life and its many ups and downs. It is a brief summary of the meaning and action of the nine principle Planets in our system. As you may know, there are really twelve planets, rather than the 9 described here. The other three are Pluto (re-discovered in 1930) Persephone and Hermes--which have not yet been located by the astronomers, but which are known to Occults as coming closer to our earthly horizon each year. The great Russian Mystic, Helena Petrovna Blavatsky, told of the coming of these three Planets far back in 1880. Pluto has been re-discovered; and the other two will be found in the latter years of this century--proving the power of prediction when employed by a trained and consecrated Disciple of the Masters.

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IT WOULD PERHAPS BE WISE TO READ FIRST THE PAGES ON THE ASTROLOGICAL AND PSYCHOLOGICAL nature of Neptune before you endeavor to do much about the exercises given in this Lesson--for the more completely you grasp the strange nature of Neptune and Pisces the more easily can you follow the technical instructions.

(The Reader is respectfully reminded that even though he may have come into this lifetime when the Sun was not in the Sign Pisces, he may have one or more of the other eleven Planets in Pisces. Also, once each 28 days he will be strongly influenced by the Moon as it passes through the Sign Pisces. And this is true of each Sign and each Planet, regardless of how one's birth-chart may figure out. Consequently, each of these Harmonics will, at one time or another, have a definite and intense influence upon your personal life and affairs as the year passes by).

The Basic Point of the Saturn-Lesson was to develop a degree of personal intensity in all your thoughts and activities, however simple they seem. The Basic Point of the Uranus-Lesson was to use this Saturn-Intensity in becoming not only aware of what you were doing, but of the fundamental reason for the act itself. We were to attempt to accentuate our individual sense of personal integrity by recognizing ourselves to be what we are--with all deceptions, alibis and excuses dismissed (a painful and embarrassing exercise for most of us!).

This Third Harmonic based upon the Planetary Ray known to our modern astronomers and astrologers as Neptune, moving through the Sign Pisces, will mean very little if anything to you, unless you have faithfully followed Lesson One and Two; and have gained a measure of success with the first Two Basics.

In discussing Neptune we are dealing with what is perhaps the most confusing and perplexing of all the Planetary Rays. And in discussing Pisces we are dealing with the most subtle of all the Twelve Signs, the most self-deceptive and elusive. Many Pisces students will read this Harmonic and insist that they "are not at all like that." It is true some Pisces natives may NOT be as the pages in the last part of this Lesson describe them. If so, it is because they have the Sun in the very first or last degrees of Pisces; on the Cusp as it is technically known. And these people partake either of Aquarius or Aries (sometimes both) to the point that they cannot see much of the Pisces nature in themselves, but it IS there!

Of all the Signs Pisces is the most difficult to persuade to take a good look at themselves, for what they ACTUALLY are. Pisces is the greatest masquerader in the Zodiac, the greatest dreamer. Reality, cold, bleak, stark facts hurt a Pisces Soul more than any other type. This is the reason why we find so many of the Great Teachers, World Reformers, Warriors and Humanitarians under the Rays of Pisces.

It is a surprising (and often disillusioning) experience to discover that in many, many cases the personal life of some Great Leader has been a complete failure. If you search the records of most Great Reformers, Martyrs, Leaders and Mystics of historical fame you will be shocked at what you find. And, of course, you will be tempted to say that history is unreliable; to insist that your hero, or ideal, was certainly not like that. Only Pisces can explain this strange inconsistency.

THE PISCAN DISPENSATION PRODUCED AN EXTREMELY NEGATIVE ATMOSPHERE OF WEAKNESS in both the people and the nations of the Christian Kingdom. "Self-less-ness" was the Great Ideal of the Piscal Age. Selfish-ness was considered the Sin of Sins. The lives of the Christian saints and mystics demonstrate this idea of self-less existence beyond any possible dispute or denial.

Today, in the ranks of the millions who make up what may be called the metaphysical student body, we constantly hear people expressing their desire to be of service to Humanity. A good many manage to find a way to "assist Mankind", they believe, "a step farther on the Path." This assistance to others is generally given at the expense of their own personal development--but that is as it MUST be, according to the Piscal Standard of Self-less-ness. Did not, they will argue, the Great Piscal renounce all things and give Himself to Mankind? Finally, did He not make the greatest of all sacrifices, give His very Self for our sins???? Why then should we not do also for our fellow-men? Why indeed!

This is a splendid attitude, a magnificent sacrifice we are making for the rest of Mankind. It is a splendid thing surely to give our self for others. BUT--are we actually giving our self, or just ignoring our self while we keep busy with the needs and troubles and temptations of others WHICH ARE MUCH MORE, VERY MUCH MORE, INTERESTING THAN OUR OWN INCONSEQUENTIAL LIVES AND AFFAIRS????????

This matter of saving Mankind is truly a noble activity. Many of the leaders and teachers of philosophy, religion and ethical principles have stated that they could not tend to the business of their groups AND take care of their own personal development at the same time. So they have preferred to save their group and worry about their own Soul later. Again, a most laudable intention--but one founded in a quality of personal deception that is almost too subtle to detect. "I am so busy teach-ing that I have no time for Be-ing" is what it amounts to. "So busy feeding others the Bread of Heaven, I must starve myself" What a pity!

Now, in a smaller way, thousands of so-called metaphysical students, would-be philosophers and psychic adepts are doing exactly the same thing. They, or so they insist, are living for the "good of Humanity." Their own personal progress is being 'sacrificed' for their fellow-man. Alas, were this actually the case! For thousands of "Students" are busily occupied with the Letter of The Law and utterly innocent of any attempt to appropriate the Spirit of The Law in their own lives and efforts. How often do we find the Good Samaritan next door doing the dishes, minding the kids for the neighbor who is sick--than first looking after her own family and doing those dull, endless chores which make most domestic circles one long bore! Verily, the pastures are always more green ANYWHERE but in our own backyard. So we ignore our own little worlds and try to alibi our personal failures by struggling so hard to help some other suffering soul.

But then, of course, we have an infallible precedent, an absolute criterion in the life of The Son of God, Himself! That is, if we accept the biblical story of His Life. (And who doesn't whenever we need an alibi to excuse our weaknesses?) The entire fabric of Christianity is woven upon the underlying foundation of a service to Mankind, our fellow-human--even though we lose our own life in order to help some one else save his. This sacrifice of self is, according to basic Christian teachings, the greatest of all possible human achievements.

AND THIS SAME IDEA OF SELF-SACRIFICE HAS HELD HUMANITY IN A STATE OF STUPOR FOR THE PAST TWO THOUSAND YEARS THAT IS MORE VICIOUS, MORE DESTRUCTIVE IN ITS SOUL-SUFFOCATING POISON THAN ALL THE TYRANNY AND TORTURE THE RULERS OF HUMAN BEINGS HAVE BEEN ABLE TO IMPOSE UPON US FROM THE DAYS OF THE CAVE MEN. VERILY!

"MAN! KNOW THYSELF!" THIS HAS INVARIABLY BEEN THE PLEA OF EVERY TRULY GREAT Teacher Mankind has known in any Age. It was the plea of The Great Piscean. When we can read the authentic records of the Life and Ministry of Appolonius, The Grecian Master Who WAS the Piscean Teacher, we shall find in His remarks no such statements of self-less-ness which the crafty politicians and priests afterwards wrote into the original records. The constant admonition of the Piscean was for each of us to "Seek within and find That which ye truly are."

Therefore, we shall now procede to take up the Neptunian or Piscean Exercise:
EXERCISE FOR NEPTUNE HARMONIC: Take pencil and paper and write down:

1. Your greatest weakness
2. Your strongest fear
3. Your deepest doubts
4. Your worst habit (from the standpoint of 'good' or 'bad').
5. The one thing you would like most to be free from.

6. Your greatest virtue
7. Your finest characteristic
8. Your most Christ-like ideal
9. Your strongest belief
10. Your greatest love.

What you are going to do, if you have the courage to actually face yourself, is to take an inventory of your Self. Of YOU. And unless you have done this, at various periods of your life, you actually know very little about your Self. It may be that you have mused over your traits now and then, and you think you have a pretty good slant on your nature; but unless you have taken the same realistic attitude of the business-man who carefully itemizes everything he has on his shelves for sale--unless you have been coldly impersonal in your self-analysis like the mechanic checking his motor to see just what IS its condition---you are not able to say, precisely and correctly, just what kind of person YOU ARE.

It is extremely important for you to know the answers to the ten points outlined. I am painfully aware that while thousands may read this Lesson, only a handful will actually follow this Instruction to any practical point. Yet for the sake of that tiny group which WILL see the tremendous value of this simple self-inventory I am sharing the Technique The Etheric Guardians daily give me. There will be those who will take refuge from this hard work of self-analysis by replying: "We are not to recognize the negative things in our selves. We are to see only the good, and deny the evil," etc. etc., ad infinitum, ad nauseum!

It is up to YOU. You may choose to ignore the small infection in your body and insist that you "now have divine health," but if you do not promptly erase that tiny impurity it may suddenly prove to be fatal beyond all hope of healing. And if you are unwilling to admit, even to your secret self, that in certain respects you ARE a so-and-so, then you may depend upon that vice or habit or weakness some day destroying you, or at least making a mockery of your essential integrity.

The Great Ones have also said: "The only sin is---stupidity." And throughout the vast Cosmic Kingdoms which They govern this Great Statement is accepted and honored as a standard of individual conduct as devotedly as the Christian idea of self-sacrifice, and the Vicarious Atonement, is accepted by you and many more.

"THERE IS NO SIN---SAVE STUPIDITY." THIS IS A TREMENDOUS STATEMENT. AND IT IS a statement that will survive the most rigid application of reason and logic in spite of the efforts many will make to disprove it. It really deserves an entire Lesson in itself but there is not enough space for such exposition here. The wise student, however, will promptly re-evaluate his own moral attitudes in the light of this Aquarian pronouncement offered him by The Cosmic Guardians.

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NEPTUNE EXERCISE NUMBER TWO: This is a Supplementary Technique that is used in connection with the Retrogressive Meditation of Uranus. **METHOD:** Each night as you endeavor to review the happenings of the day, take time to pick out that incident or experience which you regard as of most importance. Decide which of the events could have been eliminated from your day without any loss to you or others. If you are earnest in your nightly analysis you will soon be rather overwhelmed at how much of your daily activities can be eliminated, dismissed and avoided---- without in any way detracting from your happiness or efficiency (or that of others).

NEPTUNE EXERCISE NUMBER THREE: Take each important, or most important, event of your day and see how clearly you can determine **THE MOTIVE BEHIND THE EVENT.** **WHY** did you do that particular thing? Remember! You are to be very frank with yourself. You must not deceive yourself by attempting to gloss over some thing which makes you ashamed of yourself, by excusing or alibing your way out of it.

YOU MUST BE ABLE TO RECOGNIZE THE MOTIVES WHICH PRODUCE YOUR THOUGHTS AND YOUR DEEDS. If you **MUST** lie and deceive all the world, for reasons understood only by yourself, then do so. **BUT NEVER, NEVER, NEVER LIE TO YOURSELF.** Never try to hide or rationalize a lie by deciding that, after all, it was really not a lie. If you have had to lie to another then be kind enough to yourself to **ADMIT** that it **WAS** a lie and nothing else. This is supremely important. Get this point now, for the moment we begin to believe our own bedtime stories we are in gravest danger. The Rays of Neptune will shortly pervade your entire consciousness when you do begin to lie to yourself. And the Fires of Hell could not possibly destroy you more completely than the insidious, subtle, paralyzing magnetism of Neptune, the very Principle of Illusion, the Planet of Phantasms and Chimeras. Beware indeed!

Neptune has a great and valuable part to play in our earthly lives. Many of the astrological scholars declare that only a small fraction of our earth-people are able to respond to the cosmic magnetism of Neptune--and use its Rays somewhat in the fashion of the Great Magicians of old. Our Etherian Teachers say the same.

For two thousand years Neptune, moving through the mystic Sign of Pisces, has held Mankind within the subtle miasmatic images of illusion and deception. Only now is Humanity beginning to throw off the deadening vapors of the old Piscean Age and awaken to a recognition of the basic truths of sheer Reality---as Aquarius focuses the rhythmic impulses of Uranus upon our slumbering globe of mortal consciousness and its so-called Christian nations. Only now are we awakening from our Piscean Dream. Working as one impulse, Neptune-Uranus will compel us to face the truth of our fundamental being, our "eternal" souls. Only he who recognizes himself for exactly what he **IS**, in thought and deed, only he will be able to survive the debacle, the destruction, the disintegration which all forms, all bodies, **MUST** experience unless they are balanced in Cosmic Truth. (This includes global bodies as well as fleshly forms. Even our planet must "come clean" with itself. The scientific reasons for this will be given in following lessons. Read them.)

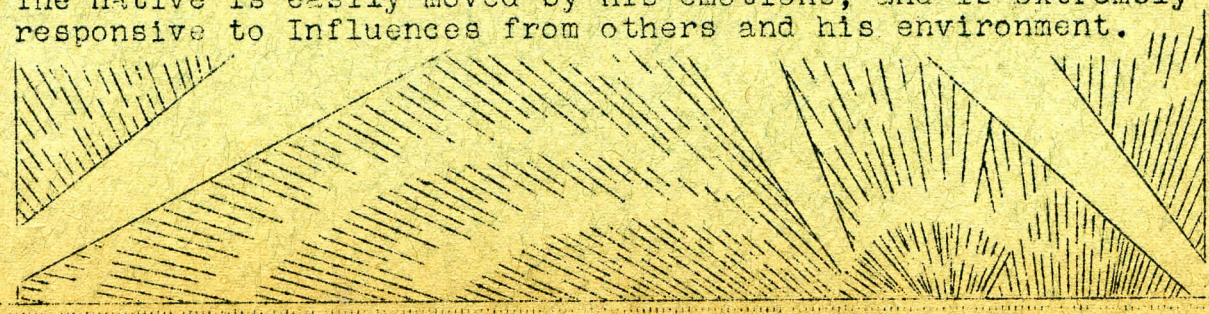


★ NEPTUNE IS THE MOST MYSTERIOUS OF ALL THE PLANETS. ITS Influence is so subtle and refined that only the most advanced Souls are able to intelligently respond to its spiritualizing Vibrations. Consequently, its effect upon Humanity, as a whole, is considered malefic for its finer Vibrations cannot be felt by the average person.

Its home is considered to be in Pisces, the most spiritual and most misunderstood Sign of the Zodiac. Pisces is itself difficult to understand because it is so difficult to understand the action and nature of Neptune its Ruler. It also has a strong Influence with the Moon and its Sign Cancer, all Watery Elements. When we remember that four-fifths of the Earth is covered with water, and that our own physical bodies are about four-fifths water, we can more readily understand how important a part Neptune plays in our lives and the developing of the Earth itself.

Neptune is the Planet of Occultism, metaphysics and all the Psychic faculties of the Soul. Those who are strongly under its Rays have a fascinating sense of mystery about them. They themselves may not be aware of it, but it is quite noticeable to others. Neptune is sometimes called "The Shadow Planet", and this is an apt name for it rules pretense and deception, that which is false and counterfeit. Motion pictures and photography come under its Influence, and the greatest movie stars have all been strongly controlled by its mysterious Rays--for Neptune loves to masquerade, to pretend to be something other than that which it actually is. The peculiar contradictory nature of Neptune is shown by the struggle many of the movie stars have made to keep their private lives a deep secret, and still at the same time they reveal themselves, as another character, to millions of movie goers.

When strongly placed in a Chart, Neptune gives a very vivid Imagination, a fondness for Art in its many expressions, as well as a fondness for ease and comfort and luxurious surroundings. The native is easily moved by his emotions, and is extremely responsive to Influences from others and his environment.



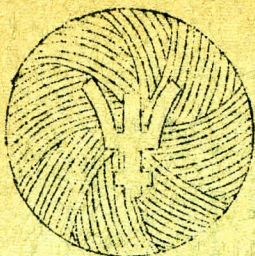
* NEPTUNE---THE PLANET OF MAGIC*

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NEPTUNE IS THE MYSTIC MESSENGER THAT GUIDES THE SOUL THRU the mysterious realms of the Unseen and brings it forth in to the glamorous kingdom of the Spirit. Whatever interest and activity you may have in things Occult and Mystical will come because of the silent and secret influence of this most Astral of all Astral Influences. The position of Neptune in your Chart and the aspects it makes to the other planets, is the testimony every skilled Astrologer will look for when he wishes to know just how spiritually minded you are. And he may find many indications of Occult power which you did not realize you possessed--for Neptune is so elusive, so subtle and resilient in its action, that many souls never come to know just how much of its divine magnetism they have always held within their consciousness.

Neptune gives a distinct characteristic of other-worldliness to the face and features, and to the whole disposition as well. It is not always a happy possession, to have strong Neptunian vibrations within your heart and mind--for it is usually a difficult matter to express such subtle, dream-like feelings in a world of hard, matter-of-fact interests. Your friends may consider you a dreamer and not very practical when concerned with the hum-drum affairs of life--but they will come to you for advice when it requires a contact with things beyond their mortal understanding. And it is in this service that you can reach your greatest heights of personal development and individual expansion. But you must learn the best ways and methods of developing your spiritual powers; for it is far too easy to deceive oneself whenever Neptune is met with. Since Neptune is now in Libra, the Sign of Partners, Society, Governments and Communities (and will remain in this Sign for 14 years) all Neptune-Souls should seek to expand their deep spiritual gifts by touching the world of as many people as they can. Neptune enjoys seclusion and privacy--but it is dangerous for him to have too much of this. Therefore, if you are a Neptunian (and you will know it very likely if you are,) your greatest development for the next 14 years lies in the field of public service. The world sadly needs every bit of spiritual comfort it can obtain in these trying times. And when the war is over, the difficulties will not be over--but rather just beginning. Thus, if you are one of those rare, truly rare! souls in whom the Divine Occult Rays of Neptune are crystallized, it is more than an opportunity to offer yourself to the world: it is a duty! *****

Because of the tremendous activity of Neptune in Libra, the Sign of internationalism, of world governments, it is vitally important that everyone should guard against deception and pretense, against trickery in the various governments of the world. The most perfect way to guard against it in others--is to be sure that you are not harboring deception in your own heart and mind, home and family, love and affections!

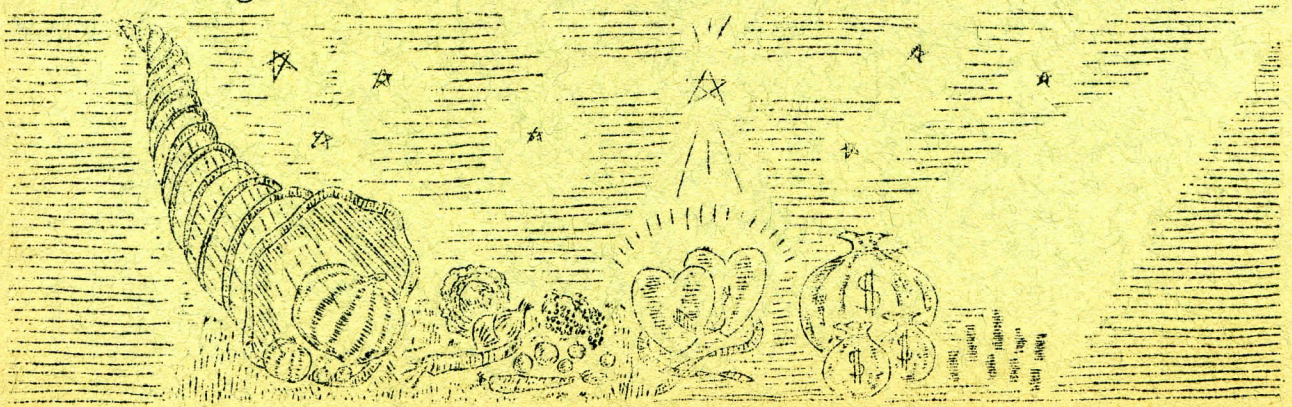


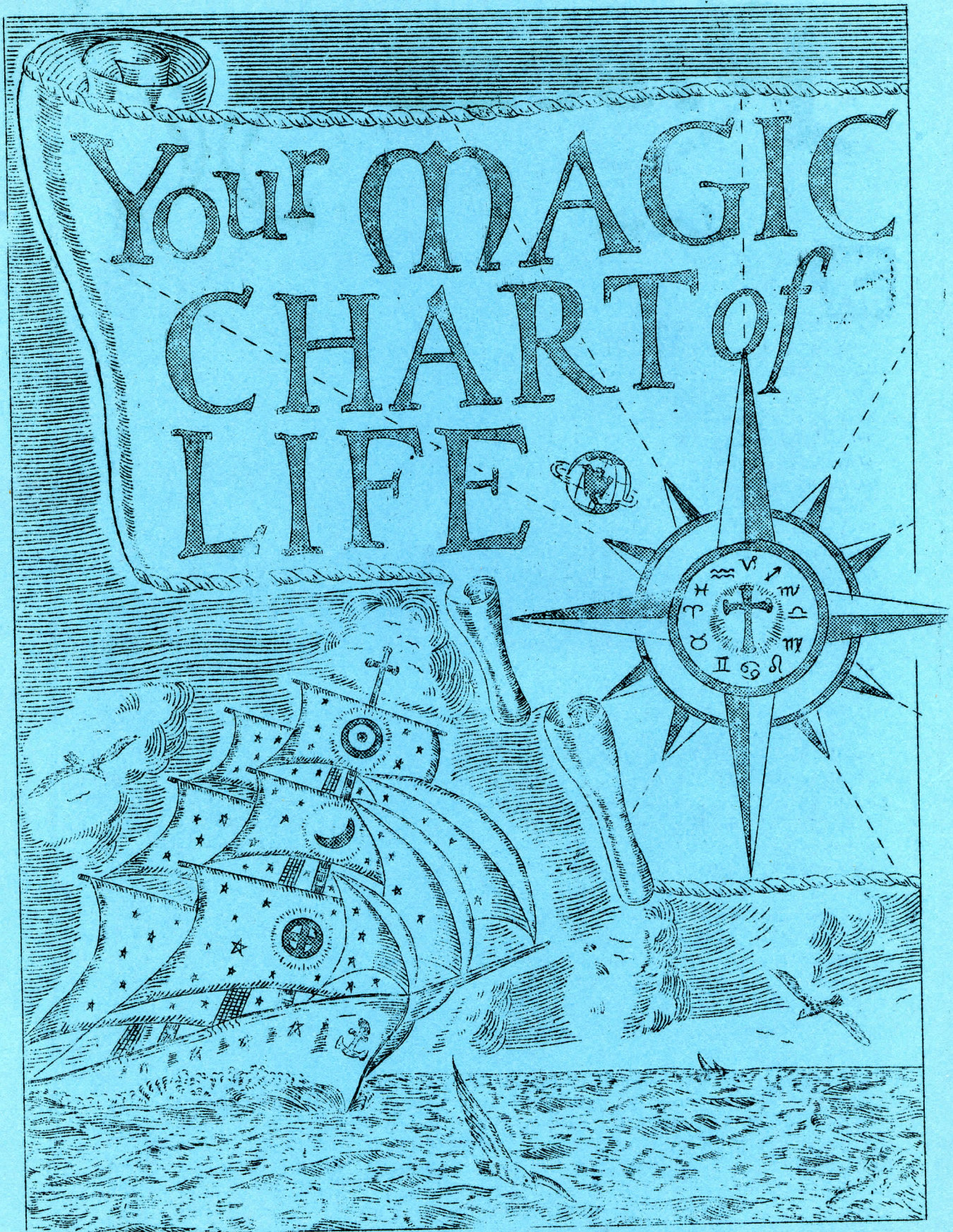
THIS PECULIAR CHARACTERISTIC OF DECEPTION OR OF pretense which Neptune bestows on those who are strongly under its influence can be either good or bad--depending upon the type of mentality and moral nature of the person concerned. Often it takes a simple and more or less innocent form of masquerading as someone else, or assuming an ability or talent which the native does not have. In some ways this is a decided help to the extremely sensitive child who has in his aura a focus of powerful Neptunian vibrations. In one case, a personal acquaintance of mine, was able as a young woman, to still the aching pangs of loneliness and frustration by building up a dream world which existed only in her own imagination--but which served as an outlet for the tremendous currents of Astral power that surrounded her. It was her habit to assume a strange-sounding, foreign name, learn a smattering of some foreign tongue, and present herself to some group as a visiting musician, or artist, or dancer from Europe. In her case no harm was ever done, for she imposed upon no one, nor ever took advantage of the kindness she found in those particular circles. However, had she not been sustained by a balanced moral and mental nature she might easily have become involved in difficult and embarrassing situations. Yet Neptune loves this sort of adventure; and rarely cares to go out into the world and actually experience the things of which they dream. Their deep psychic nature enables them to feel and sense such things in their emotions that it is not only unnecessary to go out into actual life for such feelings; but they can gain a more intense reaction and satisfaction through their Astral Consciousness. It is really an Astral life that they are at times leading while still in this physical plane of being.

Neptune being in Libra for 14 years will bring a standard of thought and action into the governments, and all groups of the world concerned with the masses, which will be rather unique and different to anything we have seen so far. I have given an outline of the next fifty years in my book of the AQUARIAN SCIENCE SERIES "1945 to 1995, WHAT, WHEN, WHERE?" We must all be prepared for the Cycle of Neptunian Rays which will be confined within the Sign of Universal Justice and Community Interests--for 14 years; after which Neptune will pass into the intense and volcanic Sign of Passion & Death, Scorpio, the Eagle or the Snake. Every Neptunian Vibration is now impinging upon your Consciousness with a terrific power and intensity. It will offer to you a magnificent opportunity to take advantage of certain Psychic Currents which are released for the incoming AQUARIAN AGE OF GOD, if you care to do so--if you are WISE enough to do so. And it will offer you opportunities to permit yourself to be constantly deceived by foolish and false schemes of every kind and description. A study of the activities of this most peculiar and mystic Planet Neptune will save you from much that has no place in the true Plan of your Divine Destiny. ****

* NEPTUNE *

NEPTUNE IS, OF COURSE, CLOSELY CONNECTED WITH THE WATERS OF the planet on which we exist. And remembering how vital a part water plays in our daily lives it may be more clear to some how very vital the Neptunian Rays must be in our daily destiny. Being the Ruler of the watery Sign, Pisces, the Fishes, its subtle, fluidic influence is enhanced and brought very close into our consciousness. There is a wonderful and fascinating relation held by Neptune with the last great era of the Piscean Cycle of Divinity, over which the Master Jesus, the Divine Fisherman ruled. Every Neptunian Soul has a deep consciousness of the Reality of this Wonderful Soul, the Christ, and feels a close kinship with Him and His Great Ministry to the earth. By keeping in mind this relationship, and having some understanding of the Piscean Rays also, we are better able to grasp the elusive nature of the genuine Neptunian. It is these Neptunian Souls who will have a great deal to do in helping to usher forth the Great AQUARIAN CYCLE of 2000 yrs. And those of you who have strong Neptunian aspects will be called upon to take an active part in the AQUARIAN MINISTRY OF THE CHRIST, whether or not you are acquainted with it at this moment--or even are interested in it. Overnight, as it were, a tremendous change will come into your Consciousness, and you will view all life and its problems with a renewed vision, a profound inspiration and a burning desire to take a vital part in helping to lift Mankind up out of the distress that must always take place at the ending of the old age and the birthing of the new. The compensations for such Christ-like services are many and very great. For when one is consecrating his all to the Service of the Master, the affairs of his life will always develop in such a manner that whatever is required for his comfort, his security and happiness, these things, indeed! "Are added unto thee." The difficult and uncertain fate of struggling to find and secure the many things necessary to human life, these problems are keenly and constantly known and felt by the true Neptunian Soul--for he is primarily interested in the development of his higher Self. He regrets the time and effort that must be spent in the constant struggle to provide our daily necessities. Therefore, the Neptunian Soul, more than any other, will have reasons to rejoice in the New Dispensation of the Aquarian Age and the liberating Science of Love which it will bring to Humanity.





PISCES



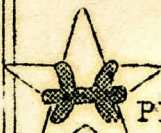
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 12-6 is ruled by the Planet Neptune. Pisces is the most
 1 2 3 4 5 Mystic Sign of the Zodiac, and has very profound Occult
 possibilities and powers for the Soul. These are seldom
 realized to any extent largely because the world of struggle
 in which we live makes so many demands upon this sensitive
 and mystic Sign. Pisces is generally a misfit in the world
 of business and commerce, for its basic instincts are those
 of a mystical and spiritual nature. In such fields his
 characteristic Love, understanding and compassion (and the
 basic instinct of a religious Life) are naturally at odds.
 He would like to follow these instincts of the Soul com-
 pletely--and forget the hard facts of the material world.
 Having an intense desire to be self-sufficient, and self-
 sustained, he seeks to reach a place of security and stabi-
 lity in the competitive world of business with actually no
 real hope of ever making a go of it.

PISCES should never allow himself to be distracted from
 following his Inner Voice--for his Inner Promptings invari-
 ably are sound and highly dependable. He will never be a
 success, nor at peace, by attempting to live his Life accord-
 ing to the lines laid down, and followed, by other people.

HE usually feels that his Life is a constant battle to
 overcome difficulties, meeting severe disappointments, and in
 forgetting and forgiving those who have hurt him. At times
 he may feel that he is actually living thru a Gethesemane, so
 great are his hardships. This may well be his real and true
 condition, for his Sign is that of suffering and sacrifice.
 But it is not so much the suffering of an unkind Fate, but
 rather a sorrow that springs from his inability to reduce
 his profoundly Spiritual nature down into the terms of the
 physical world, into a "normal" human Life.

PISCES usually thinks he is misunderstood and that he is
 not properly appreciated. Very often this is sadly true.
 But it is largely that he does not understand his own nature,
 that he is at odds with himself; and thus it is inevitable that
 the world should be unable to understand him and respond to
 his overtures as he expects it to. Pisces, unfortunately,
 is as often as great a mystery for himself as for others.

He is too modest and retiring for his own good. And he
 keeps his talents so hidden in the background of modesty and
 reticence that few can perceive them, yet he is deeply hurt
 that others do not appreciate them and him. The others, very
 likely, know nothing about these hidden virtues or talents
 and naturally cannot respond as they would otherwise do.



PISCES THE WORLD REDEEMER.

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PISCES EXPRESSES HONESTY BECAUSE HE CANNOT UNDERSTAND LIFE without it. To him it is a spiritual quality and a virtue. Its absence would rob his very Soul of strength were it not carefully respected and expressed. And because of his instinctive honesty and reliability he succeeds well in positions of care and trust. He is best adapted to those positions which require a personal service, which allow him to use his deep sympathy and kindness in a practical way, as doctors, nurses and guardians.

This Sign is that of the World Saviours, the Great Redeemers. It explains why Pisceans almost always have a deep consciousness of a Mission, a Trust, a holy purpose in Life which they must in some way bring forth into the public eyes---that it may then be fulfilled. He sincerely feels that his Mission in Life is a great one, that it concerns the vast multitudes of Humanity, and not just himself. Still, few Pisceans seem able to confront the cruel selfishness and indifference of the world and carry their Mission out to a successful conclusion. We have only to look upon the Life and Experiences of that Greatest Piscean of history Christ-Jesus, to understand just how much anyone will be required to confront and endure, let alone to overcome, if they should aim to redeem Humanity. It is easy then to understand their plight.

Pisces should always try to have as large a circle of friends and acquaintances as possible, for he needs people to keep him from sinking back into himself and brooding over the difficulties of Life, which he feels perhaps more than the other Signs.

BECAUSE Life does seem heavy to him, he frequently turns for comfort to religion. In Prayer and contemplation of the Eternal Glories of the Universe, he can and does receive deep measures of courage and assurance. He should use the genuine powers of healing that make his Sign so sympathetic, for in giving of the Streams of Life within him, he will open many new and wonderful fields for personal satisfaction and happiness which otherwise would probably never occur to him in this light.

The Life of Jesus is a perfect model to bring out the best of the Piscean power and virtues. Every Piscean Soul intuitively understands this Great Master and deep within their heart longs to emulate his life and to follow his Ministry as a consecrated disciple. In those cases where we find Pisces living among the husks of Life, we do not find a "bad" person in the worst sense of the word, but rather an unfortunate victim of circumstances and conditions which proved too heavy for them to carry.

This is the Sign of Trial and Testing. And into it, the Soul often comes voluntarily and willing that it may learn the extent of its resistance, and know the measure of its powers.

It is the most mystical Sign of the Zodiac--and usually the most mysterious to the native himself, for Pisces is the world of the Sub-consciousness, that subtle realm of delicate Cosmic principles and psychic elements which demand the deepest insight and wisdom to understand and to use--or to give to the world.

This wonderful Ray has spiritual possibilities and powers that can give to the native the same glorious comprehension of life's mysteries that the Great Master achieved. But it can be done only by paying the great price of success even as He paid it.

PISCES, being such a mutable and fluidic Sign, does not follow a specific line or pattern of physical characteristics, such as the kind of eyes, nose, hair and so on. On the whole, however, the body will tend to become fleshy and plump, if not actually fat when the person reaches maturity. While the body is developing, it may seem to have many characteristics which change in the several different periods of adolescent growth. It is, as a rule, easy to recognize the Pisces face because of the characteristic quality of softness which always marks it. Every part is rounded, especially the cheeks, which are generally of a large and prominent size, almost bulging. The eyes tend to bulge and often have a soft, sleepy expression. The lips will be full and soft, seldom ever compressed or tight, showing the natural kindness of Pisces and the almost complete lack of any quarrelsome traits. The neck is short and thick, and there is usually a tendency to double chin. The general atmosphere of the Pisces body is one of softness, roundness and flexibility. There is never any trait of harshness or even intensity.

PISCES governs the feet. Sympathetically, it rules the hands, and arms, the lungs and nervous system. Gout, or dropsy, with painful, swollen feet is characteristic of this Sign--or some kind of trouble with the feet. Often this is due to the very heavy weight of the body. Women especially, are subject to difficulties with their feet because of the lack of proper shoes. The constitution of Pisces is not strong. It is a cold-blooded Sign; and its peculiar relaxing and softening action upon the tissues explains its connection with tuberculosis and various diseases connected with the secretions of the body as a whole. When he is ill, the Pisces person will take good care of himself and faithfully doctor his ailments. But he needs much assistance from those, who are of a strong, dynamic constitution, to encourage and comfort him against the natural fears which are so prevalent in this Sign. Being highly intuitive, Pisces is able to sense trouble and difficulties, even death, which may, at that particular time, not be in his own world or destiny. He is able to easily tune into the Psychic Realms, and touches things which he may mistake for something in his own mind or system. And the presence of strong-minded friends, or nurses, who can be of great assistance in assuring him that he will pull through, will often do more good than kind of medicine. For Pisces is a Sign which receives much of its strength from the Sources of Divine Life which flow within the unseen planes of the Inner Worlds. And medicine is frequently of absolutely no value or help to him. His naturally strong consciousness of Divine Guidance, his great Faith in the overshadowing Presence of the Ministering Angels, will often carry him through many troubles and diseases which would completely overcome less spiritual Signs; Signs filled more with the animal energy of Life which one would imagine could weather any kind of sickness or trouble.



PISCES is the eternal mystic! He is perhaps less of this world than any of the other Signs of the Zodiac. He may not think so however, and may be annoyed, or even offended that one could think him to be unrelated to this earth--like a fish out of water, which often perfectly describes this Sign. Pisces will seldom understand that he is different, of a different cut and pattern, than the other mortals of our Humanity. Yet he is very different; and until he realizes this, and takes the proper steps to make the necessary adjustments, he will never arrive at the full flowering of his genuinely great powers. His is the Sign of the Redeemer.

To fully understand Pisces it is necessary to understand somewhat the peculiar, mystic and subtle influence of the great Planet of Astral Consciousness, Neptune, the Father of the Waters of Life. Pisces is the culmination of the Zodiac, the sum total, as it were, of all earthly experience gathered together and united as one organization of consciousness, of feeling, of sensation and mentality. Within it is the best, and worst of all the other Signs. It is the completed power of the Zodiac--yet it is rare indeed that we find a Soul who is able to express this completion, and to be the embodiment of all the Divine Qualities which dwell in it.

The Greatest Example of the Perfect Pattern of Pisces, to which one may turn for an understanding of this Sign, is to be found in the Life and Ministry of the Master of Masters, Christ-Jesus.

This may seem to be too great and glorious, too supreme and exalted an Example for mere men and women to ever hope to equal. Yet we have His Own Words: "Ye are Temples of the Living God," and "Be ye therefore Perfect, as your Father in Heaven is Perfect!" And it is perhaps this admonition, to be perfect, which is understood and felt by the Piscean Soul who comes into this earthly life for a Pilgrimage back to The Father; an admonition which is the deep psychological cause of much of its great difficulty in ever fully and properly understanding itself, and becoming a part of this mortal world of men and women. For Pisces is quite as much a mystery to itself as it is to anyone else--perhaps even more so! There are, of course, many different classes of Souls to be found in Pisces; and some may seem to have little spirituality and not much great exaltation of character. We find in this Sign those unfortunate Souls who are enchained in the deadening vapors of physical indulgence and moral depravity; those who are slaves of their senses and, apparently, bereft of all saving or redeeming virtues. And on the other hand, we find those who, in every sense of the word, are genuinely Angels of Compassion and Mercy; who give themselves gladly and reverently that others may live, may prosper, may be redeemed. Between these two extremes of life there are various types, usually in a state of constant and bewildering change and modification--for Pisces is a fluidic or Watery Sign, ever changing, rising or falling, seldom still. ****

PISCES children are called the most imaginative pupils of the Zodiac. They are very much like Cancer in this respect and follow their studies much in the same interested, imaginative way. Their vivid creative faculties enables them to make their lessons sparkle with thrilling, romantic backgrounds, and this undoubtedly helps them to remember and retain all they learn at school until long after in adult life. These little Souls should be permitted, as far as is possible, to do things in their own fashion, for they are naturally retiring, overly modest and backward. Their instincts will naturally tend towards good conduct and a general standard of excellent behaviour. Because they expect others, especially adults, to be just as honest and truthful as they are, it is necessary not to disillusion them by failing to live up to their standard of ethical morals and conduct. They need mentors, examples and guides more than the other Signs; and for one of their own idols, or examples, to fail them is a severe experience. It is wise to help them to be more aggressive and dynamic, to develop more initiative while they are young; for they will naturally tend to retire and withdraw from all competition and conflict with their fellows. In later life, it will then be too late to develop these necessary qualities of human living. Because Piscean children quickly assume the virtues, and vices, of those with whom they are constantly associated, it is no small duty to see that they are never allowed to make friends or contacts with anyone unless such persons have high standards of thought.

IN matters of love and the affections, Pisces is somewhat of a phenomenon in the fervor, loyalty and constancy with which he seeks to express his love, and to show the object of his affections the full extent of his genuine love. This Sign seldom runs to heavy and breathless passions, to anything coarse or animal-like in his relations with others. Yet his affections while not exhibiting the fiery intensity and burning zeal of some of the Signs, will usually outlast any dozen of these types. The love of Pisces is a thing which he gives utterly and completely, but it can hardly be called a self-less thing. Pisces closely, carefully and constantly identifies himself with his affections. And when he bestows himself he also bestows his love as a natural matter of course. He enjoys nothing more than to devote his life to expressing his love; and he expressed it usually through countless services and small assistances in every sort of way and character. He can at times almost overwhelm one with the scope and variety of his attentions. Yet one can not help but wonder just what kind of world we would have if all humanity could express love as constantly and as effectively as this beautiful Sign of the Redeemer of Love!

THERE are many leaders found in walks of life which would seem to be activities that would in no way attract or interest the Piscean temperament. These are often Souls who, while having their Sun in Pisces, have the majority of their Planets in the stronger Signs, and thus partake of their influence. Yet they will never lose their basic Piscean characteristics. We find a surprising number of soldiers, especially generals, under the Rays of this mystic Sign. George Washington was a Piscean, yet he could hardly be called a warrior in the aggressive sense of the word. He was rather the Saviour, the Redeemer; and though he led an army of soldiers and engaged in the destructive vibrations of warfare, his great purpose was to save, to redeem and to secure his country and its people from domination and ruin by a country which was representative of a passing age. *****

Every Piscean Soul should develop a goal for himself, and should then use all his strength and resources in a sincere effort to reach that goal. For their nature is too inclined to drift on with the tide, to take the easiest course, to follow the path of least resistance. They must exalt themselves by becoming Disciples of a Great Cause, Apostles of a Divine Purpose and Plan. There is little danger of Pisces ever becoming too full of self confidence, or human ego, to endanger his necessary balance in a world of eternal conflicts. It is better, at any rate, for the sensitive Piscean to become, if possible, too forward, too proud, too confident of himself and his career; for he will almost always be lacking in these characteristics. His will be sins of omission--rather than commission. He will prefer to do nothing rather than to endanger the peace by doing something of which he is not sure of the consequences and outcome. *****

The development of musical talent offers good opportunity for this Sign to express the deep spiritual feelings which will be forever surging within the chambers of his heart and Soul. In art, painting and drawing, and in dancing, he will find a release which he may not have suspected he could reach. And in study of the Divine Sciences he will find opportunities which, perhaps more than any other thing, will give him the deep release which is so necessary for him--if he is to attain to his full heights as the Redeemer of the Zodiac. He should, however, always study with a responsible Teacher, rather than to attempt any investigation and research in these subtle fields of Astral Planes by himself. For unless he is strongly fortified by Planetary Aspects which protect him, he can easily tune in with various undesirable conditions and circumstances of the Unseen Worlds which may only increase his sense of frustration and fear. His Soul will blossom in the Spiritual Worlds like a mighty Oak. **

